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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES **REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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Averitt-Winchester House Name of Property		Leon Co., FL County and State		
5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)		urces within Prope wously listed resources in	
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Name of related multiple property listings (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A		Number of contr listed in the Na	ibuting resources tional Register	previously
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6. Function or Use		,		
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Functions (Enter categories from inst	ructions)	
DOMESTIC: single dwelling		DOMESTIC: single dy	welling	
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories from	n instructions)	
OTHER: vernacular		foundation BRIG	CK PIER	
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuations sheets.)

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SUMMARY

The Averitt-Winchester House is located in Miccosukee, Leon County, on the western side of State Road 59, south of its intersection with Moccasin Gap-Cromartie Road. The main facade faces east. The house, built c.1881, is a one-story, gable-front-and-wing, frame vernacular building with a clapboard exterior. It has a tin roof pierced by two brick chimneys. The house rests on brick piers.

SETTING

The Averitt-Winchester House is situated on a 3 ½ acre lot surrounded by scattered mature trees and shrubs. The historic Miccosukee Methodist Church is across the state road, to the east of the house. Directly behind the house to the southwest is an old well. A non-contributing garage is directly south of the house, and faces east. The site of an old kitchen is directly west of the house, the site of a previous servants residence is southwest of the house, and the site of a blacksmith shop is to the northwest. Because these sites have not been thoroughly defined or investigated, they are not considered as resources on the property.

PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Exterior

The building has an irregular footprint. The main north/south rectangular block of the building has two ell extensions, one to the east and one to the west. The building has narrow clapboard siding and corner boards (photo #1).

The residence's main (east) facade has a gabled extension with one shuttered window projecting forward of the broad side of the building's main block. This elevation

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contains the main door, one window, and a porch with hip roof. All gable ends on the house have prominent eave returns. Within the ell of the extension and main block is a porch. The porch is accessed by five brick steps. There are three chamfered posts supporting the porch roof, joined by a railing with spindle balusters. The step's hand railing has a turned newel post. The main door has two etched glass panels. One of these, with octagonal patterns, is original to the house. Next to the entrance is a 6/6, double hung sash wooden window. The east and north gable ends feature one 6/6, double hung sash window, while the south elevation has a pair of 6/6, windows (photos 2&3). one story kitchen wing extends to the west (rear) of the main block (photo #4). This originally served as a dining To the south of the wing is an enclosed porch. enclosed porch forms an ell within the bend of the main block and western extension, and has a shed roof. The cross gable tin roof has a standing-seam, pierced by two corbelled brick chimneys. The residence sits on a brick pier foundation with contemporary concrete block infill. contemporary wooden deck has been built beside the enclosed porch.

Interior

A central hall is accessed by the main door. The hall contains five wooden doors with four panels, which retain their original hardware. The central hall includes a picture rail. The five doors access bedrooms to the south and east, a parlor on the north, and a parlor and hall on the west. The house also contains a bathroom and laundry in the west hall, and a kitchen. The interior features sixinch pine flooring, and plaster walls and ceilings. The ceilings are twelve feet high. Four fireplaces have mantels supported by engaged, turned columns (Photos 5&6).

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8. Statement of significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
	ARCHITECTURE EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	
□ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction of represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance C1881-1946
□ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.	
Criteria Considerations (Mark 'x' in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates 1881
Property is:	
☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	Significant Person N/A
☐ B removed from its original location.	
C a birthplace or grave.	Cultural Affiliation N/A
☐ D a cemetery.	
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	Architect/Builder
☐ F a commemorative property.	unknown
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years	
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	
9. Major Bibliographical References Bibliography Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or in Previous documentation on file (NPS):	nore continuation sheets.) Primary location of additiona data:
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) has been requested previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	State Historic Preservation Office ☐ Other State Agency ☐ Federal agency ☐ Local government ☐ University ☐ Other Name of Repository #

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SUMMARY

The Averitt-Winchester House is significant at the local level under Criteria A and C in the areas of Early Settlement and Architecture. Built c.1881, the house is the oldest residence in the community, and its owners were from the earliest settler families of the area. The residence is a fine example of late nineteenth century frame vernacular residential construction. The property may also possess archaeological significance due to the many late nineteenth and early twentieth century outbuildings known to have been located there. Of special significance are the well, site of an old kitchen and a blacksmith shop. These could provide insight into life at the turn of the century, though no archaeological testing has been performed to substantiate this possibility.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The community of Miccosukee is located on the western shore of Lake Miccosukee, approximately 18 miles northeast of Tallahassee. It is at the intersection of State Road 59 and Moccasin Gap-Cromartie Roads. This is the heart of what once was Florida's richest agricultural region.

The name is derived from the Mikasukis, a Native American tribe of Creek origin. They broke away from the Muscogees of the Alabama region, and migrated to the Tallahassee region beginning around the mid-1700s. Sometimes known as "Seminoles" or "runaways," they included runaway African-American slaves. A 1778 map indicates the settlement as "Mikasuki." It was the largest of several Seminole communities with a population of 1,000 in the early 1800s.

In 1800, angered over Spanish and American treaties which opened their area to white settlement, the Mikasuki's leader, Kinhagee, joined with William Augustus Bowles, leader of the region's Creek Indians, in declaring war on

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Spain. They attacked and captured the Spanish fort at St. Marks in present day Wakulla County. In 1814, Andrew Jackson encouraged white settlement of the region with the Treaty of Fort Jackson. Frontier violence increased, and Native Americans from the region relocated at Mikasuki. In 1817, the Creeks massacred the Americans at Ft. Scott in Georgia. Andrew Jackson led an army attack on the Indians and burned the villages in the area. Most Indians dispersed.

Florida was still claimed by Spain, and even though Seminoles remained, the region was quickly resettled by whites. Many came from the Carolina's and Georgia to take advantage of the fertile soil. In the late 1820s, the white population was scattered in the area, and the Concord Methodist Episcopal Church and Indian Springs Baptist Church were located south of the intersection. A U.S. Post Office was established in 1831, and an election was held at the Bryd and Parrish Store in Miccosukee. Within the decade a community was clustering there. During Florida's antebellum period, the Miccosukee area had several of Leon County's largest plantations.

With the abolition of slavery at the end of the Civil War, agriculture went into a decline, and tenants and small land owning farmers began to predominate. By the 1870s, small cross-road communities prospered in the region, providing services to the farmers. Post offices, medical services, schools, stores, and churches clustered at cross-roads, expanding and declining with the economy. The Florida Railway and Navigation Company lay tracks through the community in 1888, and built a depot. Six large stores were located there by 1886.

In the 1890s, wealthy northern industrialists began buying plantations in south Georgia and north Florida for use as winter quail hunting retreats. Agricultural production was not a priority on these estates, and their development marked the end of large farm dominance in north Florida agriculture. This had a depressing effect on Miccosukee which depended on servicing the small farmer:

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James A. Herring and Joe Walter Collins platted the community's first two subdivisions in 1908, optimistic of future growth. A cotton gin was kept busy and another store was established, but the community changed little. When the automobile became common, travel to Thomasville or Tallahassee became easier, drawing commerce away from the cross road. Today most business is gone from the community, along with the commercial buildings; but well kept homes remain. Most residents commute to work in Tallahassee or Thomasville, Georgia. Miccosukee is one of Leon County's best remaining examples of a rural cross road community.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Averitts [or Averettes or Everitts] were some of the earliest settlers in the Miccosukee area. Colonel Jesse Averitt came to Leon County from Burtie County, North Carolina, in the 1830s, soon establishing a plantation, Edgewood, to the south of Miccosukee. He continued expanding his holdings, in 1856 purchasing additional land from Madame Catharine D. Murat and R.W. White. The Averitts played an instrumental role in the founding of Indian Springs Baptist Church, providing the land for the second church building. Colonel Jesse and his wife, Mary, had four children, including Harriet Louisa (known in later years as "Miss Lou"), and Walter H. Walter, born on December 24, 1841, married Angela D. Hathaway and they had two children, George and Mamie, before Angela's death in 1872. Walter served in the Confederate Army and lost his arm. His sister, Miss Lou, inherited the family plantation, and Walter managed it for her.

In 1881, for \$300.00, Walter H. Averitt bought the three acre parcel on which the Averitt-Winchester House is now located, from Mrs. Mary Ann Reynolds of Burke County, Georgia. The date of construction is estimated to be circa 1881, the time of the land purchase. Photographic evidence indicates that by 1911, the Averitt-Winchester House looked much as it does today. In 1885, Walter sold "general"

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merchandise" in Miccosukee, served as postmaster, and was active in the affairs of the Indian Springs Baptist Church. At the time of his death in 1915, his sister, Miss Lou, and daughter Mamie lived together in the house.

Averitt's son, George H. Averitt, sold the property in 1918 to Minnie Winchester for \$1000.00. Her son, Coyle MacIntosh Winchester, was the railroad express and telegraph agent for Miccosukee. Minnie's husband, R.C. Winchester, operated a blacksmith shop located on the northwest corner of the property. Winchester had employees produce horse shoes, plows, buggy springs and harnesses. He also served as justice of the peace.

Members of the Winchester family owned the property until 1966 when it was sold to Walter Edge, Jr., who sold it in 1970, to the present owners, James and Robbie E. Lee. The Lee family also has a long history within the community.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Averitt-Winchester House is an outstanding example of rural, frame vernacular construction, and retains a high degree of integrity. The house incorporates a main central hall. Two extensions form ells off of the main block. The house features prominent eave returns, in the Classical Revival style, an etched glass front door light, and decorative fireplaces.

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10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property 3.5 acres	•
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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)	
11. Form Prepared By	
name/title <u>Dana Welcom/Vivian Young-Robert O. Jones, Historic</u>	Sites Specialist
organization Bureau of Historic Preservation	date September 1996
street & number R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street	telephone (904) 487-2333
city or town Tallahassee	state Florida zio code 32399-0250
Additional Documentation	
Submit the following items with the completed form:	
Continuation Sheets	
Maps	
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the	e property's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties ha	iving large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs	
Representative black and white photographs of the	an proporty
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Additional items (check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)	
Property Owner	
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)	
name James E, and R.E. Lee, Jr.	
street & number P.O. Box 91001	telephone (904)893-1139
city or town Miccosukee	state FL zip code 32309

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located in the community of Miccosukee, Florida, on the west side of State Road 59, to the south of the intersection with Moccasin Gap Road. It is for the parcel 160820114000, identified as 114 on the attached property appraiser map.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

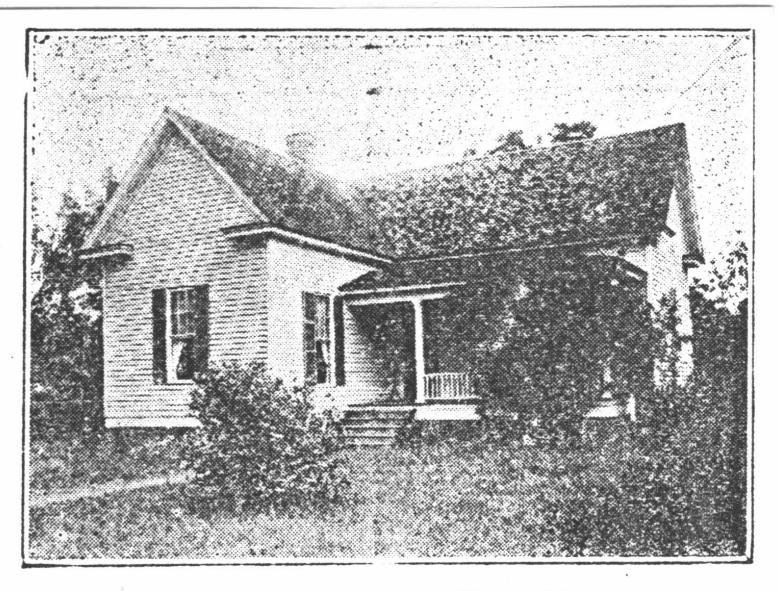
The portion of the parcel nominated is historically associated with the Averitt-Winchester House, and retains its historic integrity.

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Phoenix, 96001274,
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ARIZONA, YAVAPAI COUNTY,
Perry Mesa Archeological District (Boundary Increase),
Address Restricted,
Black Canyon vicinity, 96000335,
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COLORADO, EL PASO COUNTY,
Colorado Springs Airport,
Jct. of Ent Ave. and Peterson Blvd. (Peterson Air Force Base),
Colorado Springs vicinity, 90001296,
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COLORADO, GARFIELD COUNTY,
Cardiff Coke Ovens,
Co. Rt. 116, approximately 1.5 mi. S. of Glenwood,
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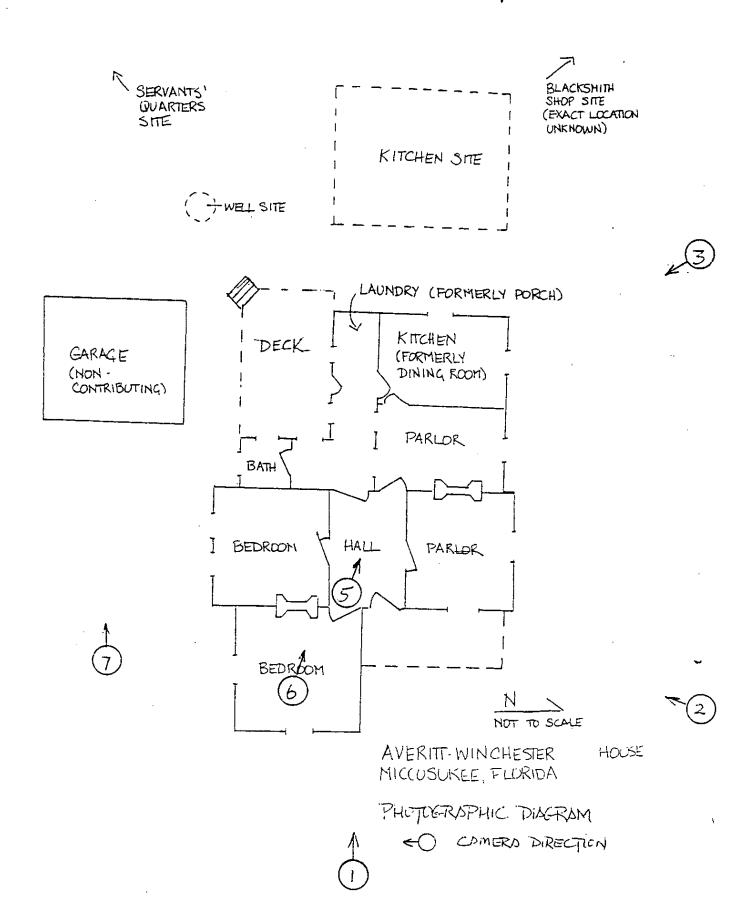


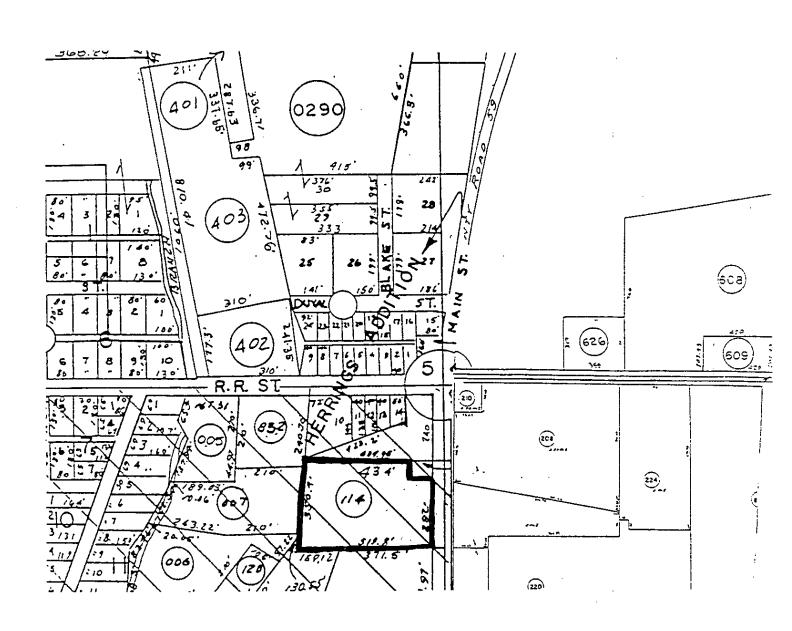
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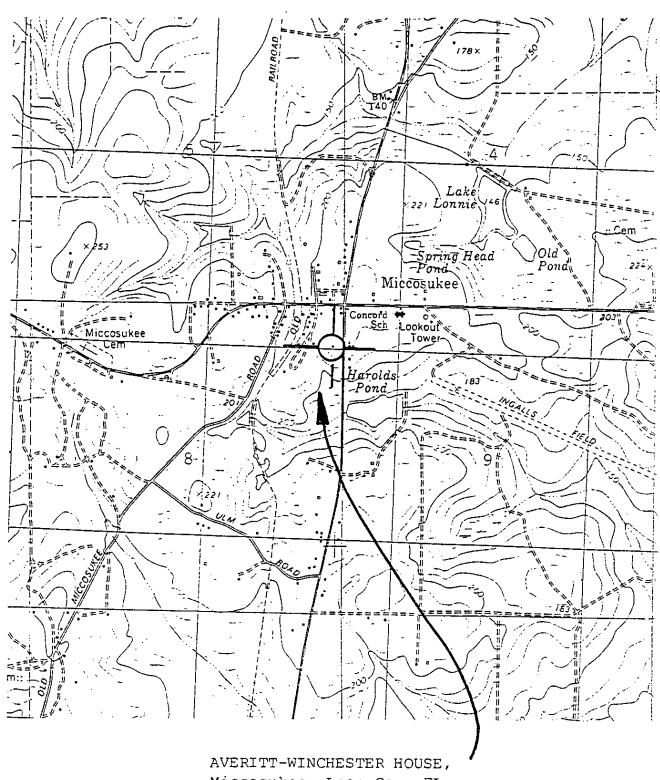
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AVERITT-WINCHESTER HOUSE Miccosukee, Leon Co., FL

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